

**TOWN OF WALLACE**  
**MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 9, 2020**  
**7:00 pm**

The Wallace Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor  
Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton  
Council Member Frank Brinkley  
Council Member Jeff Carter  
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz

The following member of the Governing Body was absent:

Council Member Jason Wells

Also Present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Margaret Kenan
Darlene Joyner	Joseph Merritt

Mayor Charley Farrior called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present and gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

None

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the agenda. Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz made a motion to adopt the agenda as proposed which was seconded by Council Member Frank Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment Period

Ms.Darlene Joyner asked everyone to remember Robert Johnson in prayer.

### **Consent agenda**

#### Minutes from the May 14, 2020 monthly meeting, and the May 28, 2020 continued meeting

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the minutes and said on page 4 of the June 11 monthly meeting there was a zero missing from the amount financed for the police vehicles. Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected which was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

### **Tax Report**

Town Manager Larry Bergman presented the Tax Report for the period ending July 9, 2020. Manager Bergman said that the title search was complete on the top ten (10) delinquencies submitted to Zaccheus and the next fifteen (15) are in the title search phase, the highest of those delinquencies was paid by the taxpayer.

Tax Administrator Chris Martin has made a list of the next fifteen (15). The consensus of the Council is to send the next 15 to Zaccheus. \$3,201.82 has been collected from payment plans.

### **Tax Releases**

There were no tax releases presented.

### **Budget Amendments**

None.

### **Old Business**

#### Hurricane Florence FEMA Cat F Lift Station Repair and Mitigation

Manager Bergman said the final FEMA project from Hurricane Florence which is repairs and mitigation of four (4) lift stations with the lowest bid being submitted by A.C. Schultes of Carolina. The bid tabulation was certified by Linwood Stroud, PE and a letter of recommendation to award the project in the amount of \$608,630.00.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion award the contract as recommended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

#### Appointments of Downtown Historic District Building Protection Plan

Manager Bergman stated that Planning Director Rod Fritz had met with the Historic District Commission and asked them for recommendations. The Council briefly discussed individuals who they could appoint. Manager Bergman is working on getting property owner addresses to send letters and materials out. He added that the historic district probably has more buildings that would be included since it was established in 1995.

#### Financial Reports

Manager Bergman said that with the new budget year the department heads have been advised to wait on initiating large or new projects, if possible, during the first quarter.

#### Hurricane Reports

Manager Bergman reported that reimbursements are winding down and there is still no word on the storm debris removal reimbursement from Hurricane Florence.

#### Council Reports

Council Member Carlton said that there would be testing for COVID-19 on July 14 in Warsaw. Ms. Carlton said we need to continue to encourage responding to the census and registering to vote.

Council Member Rivas-Diaz reported he was finally able to complete his ethics training.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Farrior said it was discussed in a meeting about the 830 project that permission is needed from both the property owner and NCDOT regarding installing the line in the NCDOT right-of-way.

Mayor Farrior asked if the Council would like to invite Carrie Shields, Duplin County Economic Development, to meet with them later this month. The meeting will be continued on July 30 at 6 pm.

### Town Manager's Report

Manager Bergman said he viewed a webinar on the pandemic funds and how they can be spent. The small business grants cannot be used to replace lost income but the funds can be used for public safety salaries. He said the Town could use the funds for salaries for the police department and then reallocate some of the budgeted salary amount to provide small business grants. The deadline for submittal of a plan is September 1, 2020.

With there being no other business to discuss at this time, Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to continue the meeting on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

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Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC, NCCMC  
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